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1. Old rolling stock in the USSR is rapidly repaired; at the same time, new steam and electric locomotives are being manufactured. New railroad tracks also are being constructed and most of the tracks in the Urals are being electrified. There seems to be no shortage of cars, locomotives or railroad equipment. Along the railroad line between Aleksandrov and Moscow I have observed piles of spare rails spaced at a distance of one or two kilometers.
2. Control on the trains is not very strict and a Soviet citizen may travel anywhere he wishes as long as he has a ticket. One can bribe the conductors.

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3. I have the following additional information concerning railroad lines in the USSR:
- (a) The Aleksandrov - Moscow line is a double-track electric line. The line from Moscow to Pushkino is a quadruple-track line. The electric locomotive on the Aleksandrov - Moscow line is marked "L - 112". Aleksandrov is an important railway junction with about 30 tracks; 15 tracks for traffic to the east and 15 for traffic to Moscow. People traveling east have to change trains at Aleksandrov.
 - (b) The Aleksandrov - Yaroslavl double-track line is serviced by a steam locomotive. I was told that the Moscow - Yaroslavl line would be electrified.
 - (c) The Moscow - Smolensk - Comel - Kovel is a new double-track line serviced by steam locomotives. It was in Kovel that I saw the narrow or standard gauge for the first time.
 - (d) The Molotov - Sverdlovsk double-track line had electric trains.
 - (e) The Kirov - Molotov double-track line is used by steam locomotives. I heard that the Kazan single-track railway line had been electrified. The line from Novosibirsk eastward has a double-track steam locomotive railway.
 - (f) The Molotov - Levshino double track railway line is electric. [redacted] in the Levshino forced labor camp there was a great deal of traffic on this line. The trains ran eastward or westward every 10 minutes. Most of the trains were carrying freight [redacted].
[redacted] The electric locomotive on this line had the designation "L - 17".

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